

DRAFT REORGANIZATION PLAN CREATING A
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Section 1. The National Telecommunications Board. There is hereby established in the Executive Office of the President a National Telecommunications Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

a. The Board shall be composed of three members appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each member shall be a citizen of the United States. The members of the Board first appointed shall continue in office for terms of two, three, and four years, respectively, from the date this reorganization plan becomes effective, the terms of each to be designated by the President. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of four years. A member whose term has expired shall serve until his successor is appointed and has qualified for office. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the Board member he succeeds. A vacancy in the Board shall not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all powers of the Board. Not more than two members of the Board shall be members of the same political party. The President may remove any member for cause.

b. The President shall designate one of the members as Chairman, who shall serve as such at the President's pleasure.

c. The Chairman of the Board shall receive basic compensation at the rate of \$17,500 per annum. Each of the other members shall receive basic compensation at the rate of \$15,000 per annum.

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Each member shall devote his full time to the work of the Board.

Section 2. Functions of the Chairman.

a. The Chairman shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Board. In executing and administering on behalf of the Board its functions (exclusive of functions mentioned in Section 2b of this Reorganization Plan), the Chairman shall be governed by the policies, decisions, findings, and determinations of the Board.

b. There shall be vested in the Chairman the functions (1) of appointment and supervision of all personnel employed under the Board, (2) of the distribution of business among such personnel and among organizational units of the Board, and (3) of determining the use and expenditure of funds for administrative purposes; provided, that the provisions of this subsection shall not extend to personnel employed regularly and full time in the offices of members of the Board other than the Chairman; and provided further, that the heads of major administrative units shall be appointed by the Chairman only after consultation with the other members of the Board.

Section 3. Powers and duties of the Board.

a. Two members of the Board shall constitute a quorum thereof.

b. The Board shall act by majority vote. In case of disagreement, a minority member has the right to include written dissents in reports or decisions of the Board.

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c. The Board may conduct its proceedings in such manner as will best conduce to the proper dispatch of its functions. These proceedings may be held in public or in executive session, as the Board shall determine.

d. All departments and agencies of the United States Government shall make available to the Board on its request any information in their possession which relates to the work of the Board. #

e. The Board shall consult with all Government agencies charged with statutory responsibilities in the communications field whenever the Board is dealing with any matter relating to those responsibilities. The Board shall consult with agencies of the Government charged with responsibilities in the fields of foreign relations and national defense, on all aspects of its work which relate to those fields.

f. In case of disagreement with Board action on any matter affecting the interest or responsibilities of any department or agency of the Federal Government, the head of the dissenting department or agency may, within two weeks of notification by the Board of the effective date of such action, request the Board to suspend such action for a reasonable specified period during which the head of such department or agency shall present his appeal on the matter at issue to the President.

g. The Board is authorized, with the consent of the agency

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concerned, to utilize or employ the services or personnel of any Government agency or any state or local government, or voluntary or uncompensated personnel, to perform such functions on its behalf as may appear desirable.

h. The Board may constitute such advisory committees and may consult with such representatives of industry, agriculture, labor, consumers, state and local governments, and other groups as it deems advisable.

Section 4. Functions of the Board.

a. The Board shall advise and assist the President in the discharge of his powers and duties under Sections 305 and 606 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The Board shall advise and assist the President, on request, in the discharge of any other of his powers and duties in the communications field.

b. (Here will go the finally approved list of functions.)
(See pages 27-31 of the foregoing "Government Organization" papers.)

Section 5. Relationship to the Federal Communications Commission.

The Federal Communications Commission, in executing its powers and duties under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, shall be governed by decisions of the Board when officially promulgated by the President for division of the radio spectrum between Government and non-Government users, and for priorities in the assignment of spectrum space to general classes of users. The term "Government user" means any department or agency of the Federal Government which controls or uses radio frequencies assigned by United States Government agencies.

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